



ACTE Postsecondary, Adult and Career Education (PACE) Division Members,

Where did 2019 go? If you're like me, 2019 was awfully fast-paced and went by very quickly.

I would first like to congratulate Kristina Ropos on being elected as the Vice President-elect for PACE. She has the heart to move PACE forward, and I look forward to seeing the outstanding things she brings to continue the improvement in the organization.

ACTE's CareerTech VISION 2019 was a great success, and those who weren't able to be with us in Anaheim, California, missed a great conference. We had nearly 50 sessions presented with standing-room-only in several sessions!

I want to thank John Noel and all the members of the advisory group for their great efforts in getting quality sessions submitted and presented at CareerTech VISION. The postsecondary advisory group has worked tirelessly over the past four years to improve our sessions and ensure the attendees get the types of sessions they requested.

The call for session proposals at CareerTech VISION 2020 is now open and will close on **Feb. 29**. Please consider and submit a proposal to present at CareerTech VISION 2020, happening **Dec. 2–5** in Nashville, Tennessee.

The policy meeting was highly successful with the discussion centered on questions that the ACTE policy team requested answers to use in pushing legislation.

The business meeting kicked off with Keynote Speaker Jennifer Zeisler, senior program director, Career Readiness, ECMC Foundation.

The Postsecondary Leadership Success Program at ACTE — sponsored by the ECMC Foundation attendees and presented to the members at CareerTech VISION. Two of the participants gave an overview of their involvement in the program. This program is so exciting, and the next group of participants should be announced soon. Jennifer Zeisler and Patrick Bourke from ECMC were awarded "Honorary PACE membership" for their work with ACTE and PACE on the program.

We heard from the candidates for Vice President-elect for PACE, Kristina Ropos and Ed Woods.

A highlight of this session was the National PACE division awards.

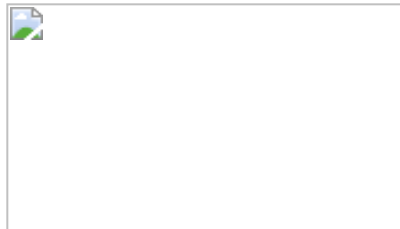
The winners are:

- **Outstanding Training Project:** Tara Porter, Canadian Valley Technology Center
- **Innovation Award:** Andy Beck & Devon Toland, Autry Technology Center
- **Economic Development Award:** Southern Technology Center
- **Diversity & Inclusion Award:** Laci McCool, Caddo Kiowa Technology Center
- **Ambassador of the Year:** Shawn Freie, Caddo Kiowa Technology Center
- **Award of Excellence:** Dick Lowe, Canadian Valley Technology Center

Please consider applying next year.

The reception was great! Thank you to the ECMC Foundation for sponsoring the reception. It was well attended, and the networking was fabulous.

As you can see, big things are happening in PACE! Please consider joining our advisory group. Just send an e-mail to lowed@cvtech.edu and I will get back with you quickly to discuss the opportunity.



Engage Your Policymakers to Advance CTE Priorities

Advocate on behalf of CTE profession and amplify our collective voice by participating in ACTE's National Policy Seminar (NPS) this **March 29–April 1** in Arlington, Virginia.

Whether you're a seasoned advocate or a first-timer to Capitol Hill, now is an essential time to communicate your CTE success stories, programming priorities and local education needs with your legislators to help advance your programs. NPS will offer an all-new CTE Innovation Summit as well as Perkins V implementation guidance and

CTE advocacy tools to deliver a strong message to your policy-makers and to take back home to your communities. Register by **Feb. 21** to secure early bird rates.

[View agenda and register](#)

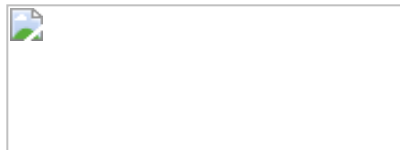
CTE Month & NASA HUNCH Student Video Challenge

ACTE and NASA HUNCH are excited to host the student video challenge, celebrating CTE and project-based learning programs. This year's theme is "Living and Working on the Moon and Beyond" and calls on middle school, high school and postsecondary students to produce a video two minutes or less in length. The deadline to submit videos is

March 2. Visit the [CTE Month webpage](#) to learn more about ways to celebrate your CTE programs, download the CTE Month logo, purchase CTE Month products and more!



Celebrate CTE Month



Present at VISION

We invite you to participate as a presenter at ACTE's CareerTech VISION 2020, the premier event for career and technical educators, business leaders and industry professionals, **Dec. 2-5** at the Gaylord Opryland in Nashville,

Tennessee. We are seeking presentation proposals that cover a wide variety of high-quality secondary and postsecondary CTE in all program areas along with stories of successful education and business collaborations. Sessions are typically 60 minutes in length, and presenters receive a speaker discount on the VISION early bird registration rate.

Submit your proposal by Feb. 29

Explore the Full Spectrum of WBL Experiences

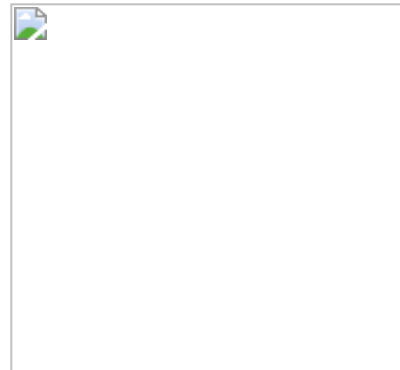
ACTE's new National Work-based Learning conference, co-hosted with the Iowa Work-based Learning Organization, is focused on supporting the delivery of quality experiences that foster in-depth, firsthand engagement with the tasks required in a given career field. Happening **April 22–23** at the Des Moines Area Community College FFA Enrichment Center in Ankeny, Iowa, this event features Dr. Casey Sacks, deputy assistant secretary for community colleges in the Office of Career, Technical and Adult Education at the U.S. Department of Education, as the keynote speaker.

[Learn more](#)



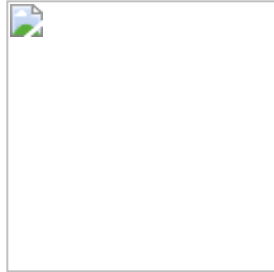
New Conference Revolutionizes CTE

Bridging the gap between ideation and implementation, Leading the Education Revolution Conference shifts attendees' participation from consuming information to solving problems and addressing challenges at national, state and district levels. This new event, taking place **June 9–12** at Butler Tech in Cincinnati, Ohio, will dive into implementation of second-order changes that will



revolutionize a student's career and technical education experience.

Learn more



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